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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation application of international application No. PCT/EP02/00374 filed January 16, 2002 of:

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entitled: **MICROBIAL ENZYME MIXTURES USEFUL TO TREAT DIGESTIVE DISORDERS**

Enclosed are:

1. Application Data Sheet.
2. Specification, including 18 claims (23 pages).
3. 3 Sheets of Formal Drawings showing Figs. 1-3.
4. Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449 and references (5).
5. Certified copies of Priority Documents 101 02 495.9 filed in Fed. Rep. of Germany on January 19, 2001 and 101 44 711.6 filed in Fed. Rep. of Germany on September 11, 2001, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 of international application No. PCT/EP02/00374 filed January 16, 2002.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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